

Public Transit

INDOT's Public Transit Section

The Public Transit Section of the Multi-Modal Division functions as the grant administrator for federal transit programs. It also administers the Public Mass Transportation Fund (PMTF), the state sales tax funded program to assist established public transit systems. It works with local governments in planning and pursuing public transit systems in cities, towns and counties throughout Indiana.

Transit Programs

Metropolitan Planning Program (Federal Transit Administration Section 5303)

This federal planning and technical studies program is available to the 12 designated metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in Indiana's urbanized areas (with greater than 50,000 population). The Section 5303 Program assists the MPOs in developing short and long-range transportation plans that must include transit as a component. Its approximate funding is \$600,000 annually.

State Planning and Research Program (Federal Transit Section 5313 b)

These funds are apportioned to states for planning and technical studies as well as demonstrations,



Bedford uses these decorated "space-age" buses. Lawrence County is the birthplace of three astronauts: Gus Grissom, Charles Walker and Ken Bowersox. The photo on the bus is a NASA photo of the Ken Bowersox mission.

management training and cooperative research. INDOT may authorize a portion of these funds to supplement the Section 5303 funds allocated to urbanized areas. Approximate funding is \$150,000 annually.

Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program (Federal Transit Section 5310)

This federal program provides capital assistance to private non-profit organizations and eligible public bodies that deliver special transportation service to elderly and/or persons with disabilities. Approximate funding is \$1.3 million annually.

Public Transit Quick Facts

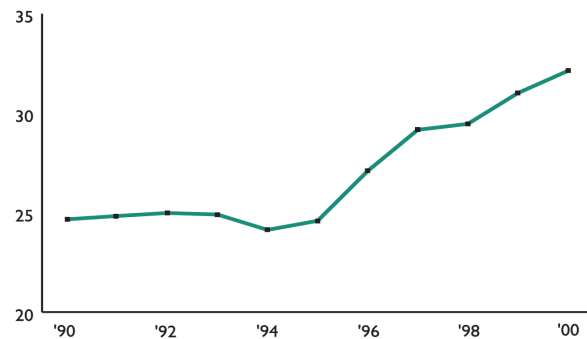
- ◆ In 2001, there were 48 publicly-funded transit systems in the state.
- ◆ Nearly 80,000 passenger trips are provided each day in Indiana.
- ◆ Approximately 80 percent of Indiana residents have access to a public transit system.
- ◆ Every dollar invested in transit results in an economic return of \$1.38.
- ◆ A person commuting via transit, instead of driving alone, would save 200 gallons of gasoline each year.
- ◆ Transit reduces traffic congestion, energy consumption and air pollution.

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Rural Transit Program

(Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program Federal Transit Section 5311)

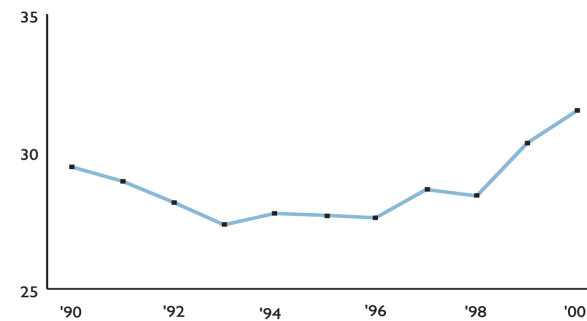
This formula program for small urban and rural areas (with less than 50,000 population) supports public transit systems by providing funding for feasibility studies, capital and operating assistance and inter-city routes. Public systems annually apply and receive funding through INDOT's Public Transit Section. Since 1997, this program has added six new public transit systems, and the section is working with local governments to add another 10 counties. Approximate funding is \$4 million annually.



Total vehicle miles traveled for all public transit vehicles
(in millions)

Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) (Federal Transit Section 5311 b2)

This program is provided through the Institute for Urban Transportation at Indiana University in Bloomington. Technical assistance is provided to rural public and specialized transit providers throughout the state. This program's funding is approximately \$100,000 annually.



Yearly ridership for all Indiana public transit systems
(in millions)



This particular trolley bus was built for the Terre Haute Transit Utility by the vendor StarTrans, based in Elkhart, Indiana.



This transit vehicle, decorated with the American flag, is part of the Transit Authority of Stone City.

